

# Englewood United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## SOUL PURPOSE - JUNE 2022

Hard to believe it's been six years and though I've had about 5 weeks to prepare for writing this column, I'm no closer to knowing exactly what to say or how to say it well.

How do you prepare to say "goodbye"? Saying "hello" is relatively easy, but "goodbye"? Not when it's saying "goodbye" to folk you've come to love like I've come to love you. Not when that "goodbye" is offered to people that you've been in ministry with, laughed with, cried with, married, baptized, assisted through bereavement, walked through valleys, swam oceans, and over mountains with.

First, please allow me the privilege to say a specific goodbye to some very special people I leave behind. My staff. Your staff. Our staff.

Do you know how fortunate you are to have these people in leadership at Englewood United Methodist Church?

(Listed alphabetically):

Melissa Barbour  
Reverend Savanna Becker  
Christian Davenport  
Sharon Muller  
Nancy Porter

I would not nor could have been able to have the ministry I've enjoyed at Englewood United Methodist Church without you helping lead this great congregation. Your always saying "yes we can" is strengthening and I will miss each of you always. You are great leaders in the lanes you direct, and the new pastoral leadership of this congregation will lean on you for guidance of which I know you will offer. Please never doubt how much I love and care about you and how appreciative I am for all you did in support of me.

For any that have served in leadership positions; Church Council, SPPRC, Lay Leader, Trustee, Finance, Stewardship, Lay Leadership and Development, UMM, UMW, UMYF, Sunday School leaders, small group leaders, and nursery workers. These past six years have challenged us. One-third of our time together was maneuvering our congregation through a worldwide pandemic, and we did so in the most challenging times the Church has ever seen. But we never gave in, nor did we ever give up. We worked together in a harmonious spirit,

allowing the Holy Spirit of God to direct us to this new day. Thank you for your support in that mentally, physically, and spiritually challenging time.

Congregational members. I leave here loving each of you as sisters and brothers in Christ. You walked with me through the death of my father, the birth mother of my daughters, the suffering and eventual death of my brother, and the loss of some of my dearest of friends; I'll never forget how you gave me hope and comfort in those times. You lifted me up in ways you don't even know you did.

Did we always see eye to eye on every issue? No, but with every issue we were able to find a unifying spirit among us as we allowed God to show us how we can live together even in those seasons where we might not have been on the same page.

To Jane, my helpmate and soulmate. You are part of the ministry of every church I am appointed to. We're off on yet another chapter in our half-century together. There aren't words.

I'm sure there are those I've overlooked, but if so, it's not an intentional slight. It's just an oversight and I love you, too.

Soon, Rev. Nathan Wittman will occupy the seat that I've had the privilege of sitting in for these last six years. He'll stand in that sacred chancel area and offer you God's Words of love and kindness. I'm excited for him, just knowing the love and grace he'll find in this special place called Englewood UMC. I have no doubt as to how you will thrive as a congregation under his leadership as you embrace him and his beautiful family.

So, friends keep on growing as faithful disciples of Jesus. Keep on transforming the world one life, one ministry at a time. Live "Joy-FULLY Together", putting on love which binds all things together in perfect harmony.

And anytime you're down on the southern beaches of our great state in need of a bit of "Salt Life", rest assured that the doors of our home and Camp United Methodist Church will be open widely for you.

So, I changed my mind. This is not a goodbye; it's just an "I'll see you soon."

With love and affection...

*Pastor Terry*



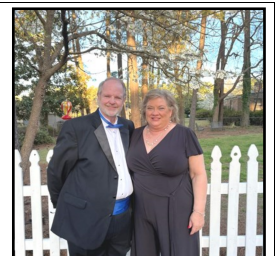
*You are Invited...*

## CELEBRATION OF THE WILLIAMS FAMILY

June 5, 2022

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

EUMC Fellowship Hall





**Our Sympathy Is Expressed To:**

*The family and friends of Ellis Dowdy Powell upon her death on April 23, 2022.*

*Savanna & Adam Becker and family upon the death of Savanna's grandmother, Dorothy Lee "Dot" Blevins on April 28, 2022.*



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

03	Helen Bronner	15	Alexander Stanislaw
06	Larry Boyd III	17	Elliott Mills
07	Boyd Wilson III	23	Roger Domina
09	Eddie Doll, Jr.	26	Noah Fueston
09	William League	26	Rev. Dr. Billy Seate
09	Kenneth Snowden	27	Sharon Lugar
10	Jonathan Scoggins	29	Phyllis Horns
11	Earl Overton	30	Michael Davis
15	Barbara Batts		

**Thank You**

Flower Ministry,

Thank you for bringing me the lovely bud vase following my recent surgery. Flowers always boost my spirits! Special thanks to Jeannie Gibbs for delivering them.

Blessings to all,

Carolyn Carter

**Thank You**

Dear Betty (Poplin) &

Fellow Members of the Prayer Shawl Committee,

This note is long overdue, however, I wanted to express my gratitude to you and the members for the loving tied blanket that I received from your ministry while I was home recuperating from my broken shoulder.

The lap blanket provided warmth to me in two ways - physically over my legs and arms while I spent many hours in the recliner healing.

Secondly, knowing it was done by praying women and men of God and blessed by the Church. This mentally let me know others care.

Thank you for caring, and thank you for your precious ministry. May we all pass the positive light of God's love in our world.

Angela Wood

**Thank You**

To My Church Family,

I could not let another month go by without thanking my caring church family for the cards and phone calls welcoming me home. Very special thanks to the Brekenridge bingo volunteers for walking me to and from the building on Friday morning. Janice Roberson very willingly volunteered to do this and if she can't makes sure someone else does. Thank you Janice!

I also want to thank the flower girls for the beautiful arrangements.

I believe, God willing, that I am where I need to be for the rest of my life. Thanks be to God!

With Christian Love,

Alda Fountain

**Thank You**

To Englewood UMC,

Thank you for the card you sent expressing your sympathy and also that of the Englewood congregation in the loss of my beloved Carol. She was diagnosed with ALS in June of 2018. Throughout her illness she inspired so many others with her faith and courage as she battled this devastating disease. In life, Carol was always gifted, gracious, and beautiful, and I am a man truly blessed to have been her husband.

I am very appreciative of the numerous cards received from the members of Englewood and especially the one from the Caring Card Ministry on behalf of all. Thank you and may the Lord's richest blessings always be yours.

In Christ,

John Wenberg



*Congratulations to  
Randolph & Marie Holoman  
upon their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
on June 15, 2022.*

*Cards may be sent to:  
3521 Sheffield Drive  
Rocky Mount, NC 27803-1232*

A Gift from Jane Williams . . . .

***Poppy Seed Chicken from the Kitchen of Jane Williams***

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 Rotisserie Chicken — shredded (or 4-5 cups cooked chicken breast)
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 (10.75 ounce cans) condensed cream of chicken soup
- 2 cups crushed Ritz crackers (about 1 1/2 rolls of crackers)
- 1/2 cup butter melted
- 1 Tablespoon poppy seeds
- optional 2 cups cooked rice



**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Stir together the condensed soup and sour cream, add in chicken and pour into a 9x13 casserole dish.  
(\*Note: You can layer cooked rice under the chicken mixture so that it's a meal in one.)
- In a separate bowl, stir together the crushed crackers, poppyseed and melted butter.  
Sprinkle over the chicken mixture.
- Bake for 30-40 minutes in the preheated oven, until the top of the casserole is browned and the sauce is bubbly.

**FAITH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES OF NASH COUNTY - JUNE NEEDS**



Starting Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, the "Meals of the Month" donation will be **Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Saltines**. There is a "Love Can" located in the area beneath the name tags in the church lobby, labeled "**FCM MEALS OF THE MONTH**". So when you're in the grocery store, just pick up an extra jar/box and donate these food items to help stock their food pantry throughout the month of June. Faith Christian Ministries needs this food more than ever! I will continue to pick it up and take it to Nashville. Remember, the majority of the people served by this non-profit Christian agency come from Rocky Mount but FCM serves the entire Nash County. This is another wonderful opportunity for this generous congregation to help others who can't help themselves.

**Women of The Way**

The Women of the Way met at the Olive Garden on May 17<sup>th</sup> for a Spring luncheon. Nancy Porter and Christian Davenport, who give the UMW so much support, also joined us for this time of fellowship and good food. A brief business meeting was held and it was decided to have a Women of the Way "yogurt social" on Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Pitstop Shoppe in Westridge Shopping Center at 2:00 p.m. Members were asked to bring papers product for the Lighthouse. If any other women in the church wish to join us, you are most welcome. The circle will recess for June and August but will resume our regular meeting format in September. The UMW is open to all women of the church and we invite you to come join us in the Aldersgate classroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.



**OUR YEAR-TO-DATE RECORD**

*(Thru May 26, 2022)*

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

**Ministry Needs**

	<i>Monthly Actual</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Receipts	\$33,448.62	\$177,486.09
Goal	\$35,260.00	\$176,300.00

***Our 2022 General Budget includes our Missional Giving***

**Father's Day Pictures**



Father's Day is coming up, and we would like to honor our fathers in a slideshow of pictures in worship on Father's Day!

You can submit pictures by email to [sbecker@englewood-umc.com](mailto:sbecker@englewood-umc.com) or

by bringing hard copies to the church office.

We do have pictures that have been submitted in previous years, but if you want to make sure we have yours on file, you can call the church office or email Savanna to check.



**The deadline for receiving Father's Day pictures is Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.**



**The deadline for receiving information to be included in the JULY Newsletter is Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>!**



### UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Englewood United Methodist Men are on summer break.

We will reconvene on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy your summer!



### SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Senior Adult Fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Bingo at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Caring Card Ministry

The Caring Card Committee has placed a variety of cards for anyone to select and mail from our church family. The cards are on the table in the hallway outside the church office and in the narthex. We are grateful for these donated cards.

We have some permanent members we send cards to and we will send cards to any friend or person you love! Please contact Christian or Nancy with a name and address and the Caring Card members will mail a card immediately.



### Autism Family Support Group

The Autism Family Support Group was recently selected as a recipient of the North Carolina Conference Mission Seed Fund for 2022.



*Pictured is Pastor Terry sharing this good news with a very surprised Barbara Batts during worship on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.*



### 2022 Flower Calendar

There are still dates available for you to reserve that special Sunday to provide flowers for worship in the sanctuary memory/honor of your loved ones or in honor of a special event in your family.

*The following Sundays are available:*

*July 3, July 17, July 24,  
August 7, August 28,  
September 11,  
October 16, October 23, October 30,  
November 27.*

The 2022 Flower Calendar is now online on the church website ([www.engagewood-umc.com](http://www.engagewood-umc.com) or you may call the church office to reserve your special Sunday.

### ENGLEWOOD UNITED METODIST WOMEN 2022 CANDLE BURNING DONATION FORM

Candle Burning is a special service observed each year by the United Methodist Women. Its purpose is to make the congregation aware of the total budget it takes to conduct UMW missions work in the local, national, and world communities. This money that is donated by each unit is sent to the North Carolina Conference for missions. The money is distributed as needed in mission fields worldwide. This fall, we will participate by burning the candle in honor or memory of our loved ones.



The UMW invites you, all members of Englewood United Methodist Church, to participate in Candle Burning. Please use this form to make donations in honor or in memory of your loved one. You may copy this form, use a copy of the form from our website, or there are copies of the form on the table in the hallway outside the church office. You may drop off the forms with your money in the church office or mail your form with check to EUMC, P. O. Box 7128, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. Please make checks payable to Englewood UMC and mark Candle Burning on the memo line.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Check (Payable to EUMC): \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

***The deadline for receiving contributions is Sunday, July 10, 2022.***

Your honorarium or memorial will be printed in the 2022 Heritage District UMW Candle Burning Handbook

# ENGLEWOOD UMC SUMMER OF SERVICE

*love God · serve neighbor · have fun*



Englewood UMC is a church that loves to **SERVE!**

We serve God. We serve one another.

We serve the greater community and world.



This summer we're bringing back our Summer of Service - **CELEBRATING** the awesome ways our church engages in service and finding new and exciting ways to serve both God and our neighbors.

***Are you excited yet?*** We are!

**During the months of June and July, we're joining together as a church family for a *SUMMER OF SERVICE!***

- In **WORSHIP**, we'll share stories of service going on in our own community, as well as opportunities to get involved.
- **ONLINE**, we'll post challenges for serving in our daily lives and encourage you to share on your own social media pages.
- Our **CHILDREN** will engage in service projects during each of our summer activities.
- Our **YOUTH** will participate in a mission trip and weekly service projects on our Workday Wednesdays.
- And we'll have church-wide **WORKDAYS** and other **MISSION PROJECTS** that we can all get involved in.

By the end of this Summer of Service, our community will be a better place because of Englewood United Methodist Church. Let's **ALL** contribute our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness to make this the **BEST SUMMER EVER** at Englewood UMC!

## Children's Sunday School

Children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are invited to join us on the children's hall for a time of learning, fellowship, and fun on Sunday mornings at 9:30! Our younger children will have a special activity in our nursery, while our older children journey through the Bible one week at a time.

Our theme for June is SPIRIT! Here's what we'll be learning about each week:

Date	Topic	Helper
June 5	Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41)	Susan Hayes
June 12	Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40)	Patsy Smith
June 19	Spiritual Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)	Savanna Becker
June 26	Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)	<b>Helper Needed</b>



## Children's Church

Our children and adult leaders are having such a wonderful time learning about God's Word in Children's Church during worship on Sunday mornings! Children are invited to join us in worship with their families at 10:30 a.m. After a special children's message just for them, our children can go back to the children's hall for more awesome activities! Parents can pick up children on the children's hall after worship ends.

### Children's Church Schedule

In Children's Church we're learning about important stories in the Bible that help us understand God better. Together we'll learn what God is like, what God wants from us, and how, if we are willing, God can do great things through us!

Date	Topic	Leader
June 5	Solomon	Beth Ezzell
June 12	Proverbs	Phyllis Woodley & Kenan Mills
June 19	Ecclesiastes	Savanna Becker
June 26	Elijah	Jessica Ezzell

## Saturday Morning CAFE (Children And Families @ Englewood)

We will take a break from our Saturday Morning CAFE during the summer. But don't worry - we'll still have plenty of children's activities! Don't miss Vacation Bible School (June 12-16) and Art Camp (July 18-20)! Our next CAFE will be on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall! We hope all of our EUMC families with children will join us for all these fun and faith-building activities!



We're getting so excited for the second year of our children's art camp: Blessed ART the Children! On July 18-20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. our Children's Hall will be filled with children exploring their creativity and reflecting on God as the Creator of us all. All children who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger are invited to join us! Sign up now at [www.englewood-umc.com/art-camp](http://www.englewood-umc.com/art-camp). If you're a grown-up who would like to help with ART camp, please contact Savanna Becker, Phyllis Woodley, or Kenan Mills. We'd love to have you join us!

# Youth News

## UMYF JUNE SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>June 5</i>	9:00 am 9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Senior Breakfast ( <i>Congrats Kenny &amp; Alaina!</i> ) Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>June 12</i>	9:30 am	Sunday School & Worship <b>(No Youth Group Tonight)</b>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>June 19</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>June 26</i>	9:30 am	Mission Team Meets at Church <b>(No Youth Group Tonight)</b>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>July 1</i>	4:00 pm	Mission Team Returns to Church
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>July 3</i>	9:30 am 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday School & Worship Youth Group

### UMYF Dinner Signups

Our UMYF meets on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for dinner, Bible study, games, and fellowship. If you are able to provide a meal for our UMYF one Sunday evening, our group would really appreciate your help! You can either bring the meal or donate financially toward our meal fund. The sign-up list is in the church lobby. Thank you for your ongoing support of our UMYF!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Provided By</u>
June 5	Breakfast for Dinner	_____
June 19	Sandwiches	_____

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for June 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> when we'll be embarking on a "Monumental" adventure at Vacation Bible School!! VBS will meet on Sunday-Thursday of that week from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We'll have a wonderful time of worship, games, crafts, music, and Bible stories - all focused on the life of Joseph and how he teaches us to follow God faithfully, no matter what! You don't want to miss this!



If you're interested in volunteering as an adult leader this week, please see Savanna. There is a list of items you can donate to VBS on the table in the church narthex!

### Yard Sale Thank You

Our EUMC Youth thank you for your amazing support of our Youth Mission Fund at our spring yard sale! We raised over \$2,000 for the Mission Fund, which will cover the cost of the mission trip for 4 students! Thank you for your donations of items for the youth to sell, your support by coming to shop with us, and for those who came to help us on the day of the yard sale. It takes a whole church family to support a growing youth group, and we are so grateful to EUMC for making our summer mission experiences possible!



### WORKDAY WEDNESDAYS

Workday Wednesdays are back for our EUMC Youth this summer! On Wednesdays in July and August, our youth will participate in mission projects right here in North Carolina. We'll revisit some of the service sites we enjoyed last year to continue to build those relationships, and we'll make connections with new mission partners as well. Mark your calendars for the following dates and get excited about serving God and our neighbors this summer:

July 13	July 20	July 27
August 3	August 10	August 17

